

REMARKS

In the final Office Action dated January 24, 2006, the Office rejected claims 7, 10, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21 and 22, variously, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Still further, the Office objected to the amendment to the specification and more specifically to the abstract thereof as outlined in that recent Office Action.

Applicants', by and through their counsel, reviewed the recent Office Action and then conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Timothy Vanoy on 21 March 2006. The substance of that interview is summarized below.

Telephone Interview of March 21, 2006

On the date noted above, Attorney George Grigel, Registration No. 31,166 conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Timothy Vanoy of Group Art Unit 1754 to discuss the substance of the final Office Action. During that interview, agreement was reached with the Examiner with respect to the allowability of all the claims as currently amended. The various changes in the claims as discussed during that interview have all been accomplished by means of the present responsive amendment. Still further, the Examiner of record and Attorney Grigel discussed the rejection of the previously amended Abstract. After due consideration, the Examiner indicated that the current rejection of the Abstract would be withdrawn.

Applicants', by and through their counsel, would like to thank Examiner Vanoy for his courteous cooperation with respect to the present application.

In view of the amendments to the claims as effected by means of the present responsive amendment and the agreement reached with the Examiner of Record, as memorialized in the present amendment and the interview summary as provided by the Examiner and which is further dated 21

March 2006, it would appear that this application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt Notice of Allowance of claims 1-22 as variously amended is requested in the Office's next action.

Applicants', by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorney listed below, in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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